

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF 1990 AMENDMENT

Amendment by section 1772(g) of Pub. L. 101-624 effective Oct. 1, 1990, and amendment by section 1772(h)(1) of Pub. L. 101-624 effective Nov. 28, 1990, see section 1781(b)(1), (2) of Pub. L. 101-624, set out as a note under section 2012 of this title.

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section to be effective and implemented on Oct. 1, 1988, see section 701(a) of Pub. L. 100-435, set out as an Effective Date of 1988 Amendment note under section 2012 of this title.

**§ 7516. Settlement and adjustment of claims****(a) In general**

The Secretary or a designee of the Secretary shall have the authority to—

- (1) determine the amount of, settle, and adjust any claim arising under this chapter; and
- (2) waive such a claim if the Secretary determines that to do so will serve the purposes of this chapter.

**(b) Litigation**

Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to diminish the authority of the Attorney General of the United States under section 516 of title 28 to conduct litigation on behalf of the United States.

(Pub. L. 98-8, title II, §215, as added Pub. L. 102-237, title IX, §922(b), Dec. 13, 1991, 105 Stat. 1888.)

## EFFECTIVE DATE

Section effective and to be implemented no later than Feb. 1, 1992, see section 1101(d)(1) of Pub. L. 102-237, set out as an Effective Date of 1991 Amendment note under section 1421 of this title.

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**§ 7601. Definitions**

In this Act:

**(1) 1862 Institution**

The term “1862 Institution” means a college or university eligible to receive funds under the Act of July 2, 1862 (12 Stat. 503, chapter 130; 7 U.S.C. 301 et seq.).

**(2) 1890 Institution**

The term “1890 Institution” means a college or university eligible to receive funds under the Act of August 30, 1890 (26 Stat. 419, chapter 841; 7 U.S.C. 321 et seq.), including Tuskegee University.

**(3) 1994 Institution**

The term “1994 Institution” means 1 of the 1994 Institutions (as defined in section 532 of the Equity in Educational Land-Grant Status Act of 1994 (Public Law 103-382; 7 U.S.C. 301 note)) (as amended by section 251(a)).

**(4) Advisory Board**

The term “Advisory Board” means the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board established under section 3123 of this title.

**(5) Department**

The term “Department” means the Department of Agriculture.

**(6) Secretary**

The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Agriculture.

(Pub. L. 105-185, §2, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 525.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 105-185, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 523, as amended, known as the Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note below and Tables.

Act of July 2, 1862, referred to in par. (1), is act July 2, 1862, ch. 130, 12 Stat. 503, as amended, popularly known as the First Morrill Act, which is classified gen-

erally to subchapter I (§301 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 301 of this title and Tables.

Act of August 30, 1890, referred to in par. (2), is act Aug. 30, 1890, ch. 841, 26 Stat. 417, as amended, popularly known as the Agricultural College Act of 1890 and also as the Second Morrill Act, which is classified generally to subchapter II (§321 et seq.) of chapter 13 of this title. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 321 of this title and Tables.

Section 251(a), referred to in par. (3), is section 251(a) of Pub. L. 105-185.

#### SHORT TITLE

Pub. L. 105-185, §1(a), June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 523, provided that: "This Act [see Tables for classification] may be cited as the 'Agricultural Research, Extension, and Education Reform Act of 1998'."

### SUBCHAPTER I—PRIORITIES, SCOPE, REVIEW, AND COORDINATION OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH, EXTENSION, AND EDUCATION

#### § 7611. Standards for Federal funding of agricultural research, extension, and education

##### (a) In general

The Secretary shall ensure that agricultural research, extension, or education activities described in subsection (b) of this section address a concern that—

- (1) is a priority, as determined under section 7612(a) of this title; and
- (2) has national, multistate, or regional significance.

##### (b) Application

Subsection (a) of this section applies to—

- (1) research activities conducted by the Agricultural Research Service; and
- (2) research, extension, or education activities administered, on a competitive basis, by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

(Pub. L. 105-185, title I, §101, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 526.)

#### § 7612. Priority setting process

##### (a) Establishment

Consistent with section 3101 of this title, the Secretary shall establish priorities for agricultural research, extension, and education activities conducted or funded by the Department.

##### (b) Responsibilities of Secretary

In establishing priorities for agricultural research, extension, and education activities conducted or funded by the Department, the Secretary shall solicit and consider input and recommendations from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education.

##### (c) Responsibilities of 1862, 1890, and 1994 Institutions

###### (1) Process

Effective October 1, 1999, to obtain agricultural research, extension, or education formula funds from the Secretary, each 1862 Institution, 1890 Institution, and 1994 Institution shall establish and implement a process for ob-

taining input from persons who conduct or use agricultural research, extension, or education concerning the use of the funds.

##### (2) Regulations

The Secretary shall promulgate regulations that prescribe—

- (A) the requirements for an institution referred to in paragraph (1) to comply with paragraph (1); and
- (B) the consequences for an institution of not complying with paragraph (1), which may include the withholding or redistribution of funds to which the institution may be entitled until the institution complies with paragraph (1).

##### (d) Management principles

To the maximum extent practicable, the Secretary shall ensure that federally supported and conducted agricultural research, extension, and education activities are accomplished in a manner that—

- (1) integrates agricultural research, extension, and education functions to better link research to technology transfer and information dissemination activities;
- (2) encourages regional and multistate programs to address relevant issues of common concern and to better leverage scarce resources; and
- (3) achieves agricultural research, extension, and education objectives through multi-institutional and multifunctional approaches and by conducting research at facilities and institutions best equipped to achieve those objectives.

(Pub. L. 105-185, title I, §102, June 23, 1998, 112 Stat. 526.)

#### § 7613. Relevance and merit of agricultural research, extension, and education funded by the Department

##### (a) Review of Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

###### (1) Peer review of research grants

The Secretary shall establish procedures that provide for scientific peer review of each agricultural research grant administered, on a competitive basis, by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service of the Department.

###### (2) Merit review of extension and education grants

###### (A) Establishment of procedures

The Secretary shall establish procedures that provide for merit review of each agricultural extension or education grant administered, on a competitive basis, by the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

###### (B) Consultation with Advisory Board

The Secretary shall consult with the Advisory Board in establishing the merit review procedures.

##### (b) Advisory Board review

On an annual basis, the Advisory Board shall review—